

SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE BILL.

RETURN to an Order of the Honorable The House of Commons,
dated 25 June 1873;—for,

COPY "of the RESOLUTIONS of the Irish Judges in reference to the SUPREME COURT of JUDICATURE BILL, as the same were transmitted to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, together with the LETTER of Baron DOWSE which accompanied the same."

Irish Office, }
27 June 1873. }

38, Mountjoy-square, Dublin,
7 June 1873.

My Lord,

I HAVE the honour to inform you that the Judges of the Superior Courts of Law and Equity in Ireland assembled this day for the purpose of taking into consideration the hearing upon this country of the Supreme Court of Judicature Bill now before Parliament.

I have been requested to convey to you the opinion of the Judges as expressed in the following Resolutions:—

1. That it is of essential importance to the administration of the law that there should be preserved a right of final appeal from the decisions of the Courts in Ireland to the same tribunal as that to which the right of final appeal shall lie from the like decisions of the Courts in England.

2. That in the event of a new Court of Appeal being substituted for the House of Lords, a suitable number of Irish Judges, to be selected from the body of Judges of both Law and Equity, should be associated with the English members thereof.

I have also been requested by the Judges to convey to Her Majesty's Government their unanimous opinion that it would be prejudicial to the administration of justice in this part of the United Kingdom that the existing union of its supreme appellate authority with that of England should be severed, because that union constitutes the connecting link between the two judiciaries of the two countries, and as such contributes largely to the maintaining of uniformity in the administration of a common jurisprudence, and preserves the reputation and efficiency of the appellate jurisdiction as the supreme tribunal of final resort for the United Kingdom.

I have, &c.
(signed) R. DOWSE.

To the Right Honourable
The Marquess of Hartington.

REFUGEE COURT OF APPEALS
BILL.

*GIFT of the Remittance of the Irish Judge
in reference to the Refugee Court of Appeal
namely Bill, in the same was transmitted to
the Chief Secretary for Ireland, together with
the letters of Home Office which accompanied
the same.*

(*See Bill*)

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